

Abstract

A reading control section 40 reproduces information read from a recording medium, and a reproduction-operation section 20 accepts an instruction for a forward skip or a backward skip. Further, a controller 10 makes the skip time for one of the forward skip and the backward skip longer than the skip time for the other, determines the skip time based on one of the instruction for the forward skip and the instruction for the backward skip, and if the instruction for the forward skip and the backward skip is accepted while the information is reproduced, then stops the reproduction, moves the position in which the information is read by the skip time determined by a skip-time determination section 11, and resumes the reproduction after the movement of the reading position is completed.